(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken/proposed in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (c) No. Sir. Rent and lease money are revised by the Punjab Wakf Board for the new occupants in case of transfer of properties and the new allottee in case of death of sitting tenants. In some fresh cases, the Board imposes condition for enhancement from 10% to 20% after every three years. In rural area, Chakota amounts are revised every year as per the schedule of the Board. Only in the case of sitting tenants, it has been found difficult to enhance rent due to their resistance for the same and the Board has to initiate legal action against such tenants/lessee.

(d) The Board is initiating a comprehensive Action Plan to settle cases, where rentals and lease money have not been revised for a long time.

Solar Home Lighting for SCs/STs in Tripura

3153. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any project proposal has been sent by Government of Tripura for providing solar home lighting system to Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes people of Tripura during the Ninth Plan Period.

(b) whether fund has been sought for the purpose as additional Central assistance;

(c) the projected number of beneficiaries; and

(d) the details of the fund released during the period 1997-98 and 1999-2000 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir. As per information received from Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Government of Tripura Formulated Tripura Tribal Development Project during 1998-99, which included provision of Solar Home Lighting System and submitted it to Ministry of Home Affairs.

(b) Yes Sir,

(c) The projected number of beneficiaries would be 1000 families.

(d) Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources had released amount as indicated below to the Tripura Renewable Energy Development Agency :—

Year	Funds released
1997-98	Rs. 25.69 lakhs
1998-99	Rs. 83.19 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs. 64.00 lakhs

Projects for Backward Tribal, Areas in Tripura

3154. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Tripura has sent any proposal for specific areas based projects for the overall development of selected backward tribal areas of the State;

(b) if so, how many such projects have been received by the Central Government from the State during the last two years;

(c) the total fund sought to be released by Government for the implementation of those projects; and

(d) the details of the fund released, so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) During the last two years, nine projects involving a total amount of Rs. 130.38 crores were received from the Government of Tripura.

(d) Release of Specific project based funds has been discontinued since 1989-90, and instead funds are being released on the basis of the tribal population of State leaving it to the States themselves to take up projects for implementation. The funds released to Government of Tripura towards Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan and under Article 275(1) of the Constitution during the last two years is as follows :—